Name of Block	Awardee
GS-OSN-2003/1	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.-Cairn Energy (7)Ltd.
ONLAND BLOCKS	
AA-ONN-2003/3	Oil India Limited-Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
GV-ONN-2003/1	Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd. Cairn Exploration (No. 1) Ltd.-ONGC
VN-ONN-2003/1	Cairn Energy India Limited-Cairn Energy (6) Limited-ONGC
RJ-ONN-2003/1	ENI India Limited-Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.-Cairn Energy (2) Limited
RJ-ONN-2003/2	Phoenix Overseas Ltd.-Birckbeck Investment Ltd.
CB-ONN-2003/1 Part-A & B	Reliance Industries Ltd.
CB-ONN-2003/2	Gujarat State Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.-Gas Authority of India Limited-Jubilant Capital Pvt. Ltd.-Geo Global Resources Ltd.
DS-ONN-2003/1	Geo Global Resources
KG-ONN-2003/1	Cairn Energy India Limited-Cairn Energy (4) Limited-Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
CY-ONN-2003/1	Niko Resources (NELP-V) Ltd.

In respect of 2 blocks namely AA-ONN-2003/1 and AA--ONN-2003/2, certain representations raising legal issues have been received and they are being examined in the Government.

New oil reserve in Rajasthan

†2289. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new reserve of 2.5 billion barrels of oil has recently been found in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total reserve of oil so far found in the country including the said reserve;

(d) what has been the average production of domestic oil in the country during last three years; and

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(e) the reasons for increasing dependence to import oil to meet our requirement despite availability of indigenous oil reserves?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) M/s. Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd. have made 12 oil discoveries in block RJ-ON-90/1 in the State of Rajasthan. The total inplace reserve estimates for the four oil discoveries declared as "commercial" are about 1.2 billion barrels. The remaining eight discoveries are under evaluation. The operator has indicated a potential of 2.5 billion barrels from these 12 discoveries.

(c) As on 1-4-2005, 5660 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT), or 42.45 billion barrels, of inplace oil reserves have been established in the country.

(d) The average production of domestic crude oil has been 33.46 MMT (251 Million Barrels) during the last three years.

(e) India being a growing economy, the consumption of petroleum products is on the rise, as compared to the domestic production in the country. In 2004-2005, the consumption of petroleum products in the country was, estimated at 111.7 Million Metric Tonnes (provisional figures).

Profit earned by oil research companies

†2290. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies engaged in research, production and processing field in the oil sector are earning profits while the companies selling finished products to the retailers are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the profits earned in the first quarter of the financial year, 2005-06 by the public companies engaged in research, production and processing works and the losses incurred in the above-said period by the companies selling products in retail market?

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